

**REMARKS**

Attached hereto is the PCT Japanese Publication 2004/031451 A1 art. Also attached are a copy of the Search Report and available English translations.

Minor grammatical corrections are proposed in the specification. The amendment to the claims and the new claims do not add any new subject matter and provide a further definition of the present invention.

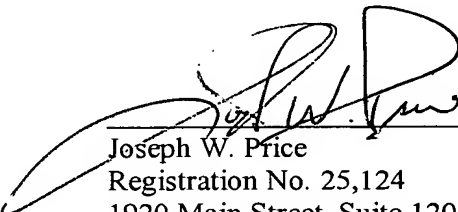
As noted on pages 7 and 8, the comparison manufacturing examples of Table 2 can be obtained by using pitch cokes of comparison examples B-E obtained from the manufacturing examples 2-5 of Table 1.

The abrasion of the cylinder cathode blocks can use an alumina particle slurry with a diameter of the particles between 1 and 3 mm. The slurry is composed of 75 wt % alumina and 25 wt % of water.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone interview will assist in the prosecution of this matter, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the listed phone number.

Very truly yours,

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